

REMARKS

Claim 1 remains in the application and has been amended hereby. Claim 33 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1 and 33 under 35 USC 112, first and second paragraphs.

Claim 33 has been canceled, thereby rendering the rejection thereof moot.

Claim 1 has been amended in part to remove the recitation in lines 3 and 4 pointed to in the Office Action at paragraphs 2 and 4.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 1 meets all requirements of 35 USC 112.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Hiranuma, further considered with either EP655740 or Yokota and further considered with Matsumoto et al.

Features of the recording medium according to the present invention are a second management area for managing a plurality of groups of programs each corresponding to a group name (album), separating information (e.g. ";"") for

separating the groups of programs and the group name, and group partitioning information (e.g. "/"") for partitioning each grouping formed of the program numbers, group name, and separating information. See page 40, line 3 to page 41, line 17, and the example in page 40, lines 15-17 in particular, of the present application, for example.

It is respectfully submitted that the combination of Hiranuma, EP655740 or Yokota, and Matsumoto et al. fail to show or suggest a second management area for managing program names, group names (for different albums), separating information, and group partitioning information (for partitioning the different albums).

A conventional MD system, such as the one taught by Hiranuma, only manages one album name formed of a plurality of programs. As discussed above, the present invention manages a plurality of group names, each for a different album.

Accordingly, because there are no features in EP655740 or Yokota and Matsumoto et al. that somehow could be combined with Hiranuma and result in the presently claimed invention, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 1 is patentably distinct over Hiranuma, further considered with either EP655740 or Yokota and further considered with

Matsumoto et al.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Takaku et al. further considered with either EP655740 or Yokota et al. and further considered with Matsumoto et al.

It is respectfully submitted that the combination of Takaku et al., EP655740 or Yokota, and Matsumoto et al. fail to show or suggest a second management area for managing program names, group names (for different albums), separating information, and group partitioning information (for partitioning the different albums).

A conventional MD system, such as the one taught by Takaku et al., only manages one album name formed of a plurality of programs. As discussed above the present invention manages a plurality of group names, each for a different album.

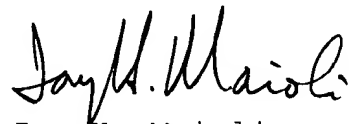
Accordingly, because there are no features in EP655740 or Yokota and Matsumoto et al. that somehow could be combined with Takaku et al. and result in the presently claimed invention, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 1 is patentably distinct over Takaku et al., further considered with either EP655740 or Yokota and further

considered with Matsumoto et al.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been reviewed and is not seen to show or suggest the present invention as recited in the amended claims.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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